

## The Gateway History Mural at Hudson Ave

The City of Columbus is working to complete the repair and painting of the railroad bridges at the Hudson Avenue underpass. Prior to beginning this work, Keep Columbus Beautiful had engaged in a conversation relative to painting a Crew themed mural on the walls of that underpass. That mural was to be a beautification project in partnership with the Crew. Unfortunately, the design and labor associated with the project did not connect and the project was not completed.

The Clintonville Historical Society has the intention of installing murals on several railroad underpasses off I-71. The Gateway History Mural at North Broadway was begun in 2012 and will be completed this year. Because they have experience in the installation of large scale murals, they were asked to consider assisting with the Hudson Avenue mural. They have agreed.

David Salter is an air brush artist. He grew up in the Linden area. He approached the Society looking for a project. His style of painting is full of energy and the level of detail is amazing. The Society asked him to consider a Crew inspired design for the Hudson Avenue underpass. He has created a soccer themed mural design that is focused on the fans. As cars head eastbound (toward the stadium) through the underpass, they will see a field of green-as if driving through the stadium. They will be flanked by fans and bright colors. As they leave the underpass, they will be met by soccer balls rolling on the curbs and sidewalks. On the sidewall will be "Thank you fans" and the Crew logo on painted banners. When heading away from the stadium, guests will be met by the rolling soccer balls. To their left will be fan close ups and to the right the Crew mascot.

We are in the process of vetting the design with the Crew. The Crew is considering an update to their logo but they think the design is spot on. We will work to host a Crew fan event to obtain comment (and donation). We would also like to show the design to the Glen Echo Homeowners. They have been actively painting tree themed murals to the west of this site.

We would like to begin this project in mid-June and complete it by September 1, 2014. The murals will be a permanent addition to the area. Timing may be impacted by fundraising. We are working hard to raise all the funds needed for the project. A budget is separately attached.

The Artist plans to use air brush techniques to complete the images contained in the murals. Because this is Mr. Salter's debut, we propose the artist Greg Ackers provide oversight on this project.

Mr. Salter and the Society will agree to a maintenance agreement relative to the artwork. We hope to engage the Crew in routine clean-up/ trash removal